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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MIXING PULP
SUSPENSION WITH A FLUID MEDIUM WITH A FREELY
ROTATABLE MIXING ROTOR**



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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

In response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" dated February 14, 2001, which set a nominal response due date of April 14, 2001, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 24 pending claims herein as follows:¹

24. (Amended) Apparatus for mixing a fluid medium with a solids-liquid suspension, comprising:
- a mixer casing having an inlet attached by a flange to inlet piping, and an outlet, and defining a flow axis between said inlet and outlet;
 - a conduit for feeding the fluid medium into said casing or inlet piping; and

¹ Pursuant to Rule 121(c), a marked-up version of the amended claims appears in Appendix I hereto and shows all changes by underlining added language and bracketing deleted language.

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